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Title: IMPROPER/INADEQUATE REAR AREA SECURITY (RAS) PROCEDURES

Operation/Exercise Name: TEECG EXERCISE

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5. (U) OBSERVATION:

During a CAX, the CSSE does not always integrate sound RAS into its CSS plan.

6. (U) DISCUSSION:

Although the focus during a CAX is, and should be, on combined arms support, unit training for the CSSE can be enhanced by properly integrating RAS into its overall CSS plan. The CSSE contains vital supplies, equipment, and personnel which must be afforded security in order to support the GCE and the CE. If supplies such as ammunition, fuel, repair parts, food, and water are not available to the GCE and the CE, the ability to continue fighting is drastically cut.

Therefore, the CSSE must plan to provide RAS, if not at Camp Wilson then certainly with its Mobile CSSDs. The CSSE cannot depend upon the GCE to provide it the necessary "trigger pullers" but must instead train its own Marines to conduct patrols, set up observations posts and listening posts, gather/disseminate intelligence, set up interlocking fields of fire, set up checkpoints, etc.

7. (U) LESSON LEARNED:

The CSSE will realize increased training opportunities by planning for its own RAS and will have greater chances of surviving on the battlefield to provide CSS.

8. (U) RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the CSSE thoroughly plan and provide its own RAS.

9. (U) COMMENTS:

None.

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